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Above, Agawam's 2018 St. Patrick's Committee float, "A Day in the Life," won the first-place award for Irish-themed floats in the Holyoke parade last Sunday. Riding the float were Agawam's colleen, Abbie Hoban, and the four young ladies in her court — pictured at left are Kristen Fellion, back, and Meagan Arslanian, front. More parade photos, page 23. PHOTO BY LYNN BOSCHER

At right, the Marching Mohawks line up on Beech Street during the Holyoke St. Patrick's Parade on March 18. Agawam was awarded best high school marching band in the parade. PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY



CITY COUNCIL

Solar special permits backed

By Michael J. Ballway
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City Councilors voted unanimously this week for a zoning ordinance to permit solar farms in Agawam.

The proposed ordinance would allow building-integrated, roof-mounted and small-scale solar arrays in all land-use zones. Medium-scale arrays — occupying more than 1,750 square feet of surface area — would be allowed as an acces-

sory use in all zones, with site plan review by the Planning Board. Medium-scale and large-scale arrays would be allowed as principal uses only in industrial zones, by right, and in agricultural zones under a special permit to be issued by the City Council. The ordinance defines "large-scale" as occupying 1 acre or more.

Agawam's zoning code does not currently mention solar

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BLIGHT PROPERTIES

Caesar's is razed, Twin Silos in court

By Peter Spotts
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It's taken court intervention, but efforts to fight commercial blight are bringing results at the Caesar's and Twin Silos properties.

The demolition of Caesar's, on 314 Silver St., began several weeks ago, according to Charlie Arment of Charlie Arment Trucking Inc., who was contracted to perform the dem-

olition by property owner Joe Baldarelli. Work has been halted temporarily while an independent lab conducts test of materials within the structure to comply with Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection concerns with hazardous materials.

"Because of its dilapidated state, they took it down. There is an issue — they have to have

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SCHOOL SHOOTING

AHS, AJHS students show solidarity with Parkland victims

By Mike Lydick
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Agawam feels your pain, Parkland. That was the message AHS and AJHS students delivered last Wednesday at voluntary school-sanctioned assemblies held to coordinate with school walkout demonstration nationwide to protest gun violence in schools.

The March 14 walkouts occurred exactly one month after the deadly shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla. Students across the country left classes at 10 a.m. in each time zone for 17 minutes — one minute each for the 17 victims.

At Agawam High School, 600 students did not walk out of school, but instead gathered in



At left, Justin Slater tries to control his emotions as he and Mia Hastings participate in Agawam High School's "walkout" on March 14 in memory of the victims of the Parkland, Fla., school shooting last month. At right, members of the AHS Peer Leadership group, from left, Cassidy Laudato, Amy Langford, Caleigh Croteau, Haley Laudato and Rachel Florence, released a white balloon for each of the 17 victims. PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK



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Handbell choir to perform on Sunday

The Alice Moore Golden Handbell Choir will perform at the 10 a.m. service on Palm Sunday, March 25, at Agawam Congregational Church.

The bell choir rings only two times during the year at the church, during the Christmas and Easter seasons. The original set of 16 handbells was purchased in 1961 by Moore, who conducted the choir until her death 40 years later at the age of 89. Diane Harper has been the director

since 1975.

In addition to Harper, bell choir members include Jackie Lillie, Donna Kennedy, Cathie Strniste, Caroline Bassett, Jan Nooney, Vincent Govoni, Joan Hauser, Ann Tapply, Joan Cavanaugh and Pat Buoniconti.

All are welcome. For more information, visit agawamcongregationalchurch.com. The church is at 745 Main St., Agawam.



The Alice Moore Golden Handbell Choir is pictured at its concert on Christmas at Agawam Congregational Church. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Quarter auction Friday to benefit robotics club

Rosie Robotics will host a quarter auction Friday to benefit the Agawam High School robotics program.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. on March 23 at Club One, 60 N. Westfield St., Feeding Hills. Admission is \$5 per person. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. For more information, call Mel Gaynor at 413-789-3556.

Parks ‘master plan’ to be revealed at Mon. meeting

After taking residents’ comments in an online survey last year, a consultant will present its recommendations for the town’s park system at an informational meeting next week.

Milone & MacBroom was hired by the City Council and Parks and Recreation Department to take stock of Agawam’s recreational assets and develop a “master plan” for future park projects. The draft document will be unveiled at 7 p.m. Monday, March 26, in the lower level of the Senior Center, 954 Main St., Agawam.

Agawam Parks and Recreation Director Christopher Sparks said this week that even he has not yet seen the consultant’s report, and he is interested to see on Monday what the results are.

Last year, Milone & MacBroom built a website, agawamparks.org, to host the survey. The site also included a brief inventory of the town’s parks, including two parks that it described as largely abandoned, 40-acre Valley Brook Park in northern Feeding Hills and 15-acre Meadowbrook Park near River Road. In September, City Councilor Robert Rossi criticized the town government for letting the parks fall into disuse, particularly Valley Brook at a time when Feeding Hills residents are asking for more investment in recreational facilities in their part of town. Then-Mayor Richard Cohen said the town should wait for the Milone & MacBroom report before committing to any more spending on parks.

Church tag sale set for this weekend

This weekend, Friday and Saturday, March 23 and 24, the church’s Fellowship Hall at Agawam Congregational Church will be abuzz from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with something for everyone, according to Dale

Melanson, chairman of church’s annual Giant Tag Sale.

“Every year since the annual tag sale began six years ago, there are hundreds more fascinating items from tools to clothing and more unique treasures for someone’s household,” she explained.

There will be over 25 tables with vendors displaying their products for sale around the perimeter of the church hall. Items for sale will include baked goods, colorful costume jewelry, toys, games, books, kitchen utensils and more. One of the most popular items for sale is the freshly popped popcorn from the church’s large, free-standing popper.

The church is at 745 Main St., Agawam.

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PRESENTING: Continuum of Care for High School Athletes and MIAA Guidelines for Health Care and Safety



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Tracking down a solution to bridge blockages

Mayors speaking to CSX, state, feds about warning system for delays in North Agawam

By Peter Spotts
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Though train delays on the bridge between North Agawam and West Springfield have been a commuter’s nuisance for years, upcoming construction has officials in both towns working hard to find a solution.

“One of the first things I did when I was on the first week on duty was to contact Mayor [William] Reichelt and propose combining forces,” said Agawam Mayor William Sapelli. “We have two communities, with two mayors, two state reps and two state senators appealing to [CSX’s] sense of goodwill and be a good neighbor to work with us on the railroad crossing.”

Trains from CSX Transportation’s freight yard in West Springfield often block the at-grade crossing on Front Street in West Springfield, rendering the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bridge, which connects to Bridge Street in Agawam, useless. The nearest alternate crossing, the heavily trafficked Morgan-Sullivan Bridge between Suffield Street in Agawam and Memorial Avenue in West Springfield, is slated to undergo a three-year reconstruction project starting this year.

Reichelt, who was elected mayor in West Side in 2016, said he’s been looking into the issue since he worked in the town of Agawam’s Law Department in 2012. He said the problem is that the train yard is too close to the crossing. As the yard adds more and more freight cars to build a

train, the engines are pushed west across the crossing, and can’t move until the entire train is built.

Sapelli expressed frustration with the lack of cooperation from CSX regarding the delays. There have been reports of trains blocking traffic for anywhere from 15 minutes to 90 minutes, and he feels if the trains were made a little shorter there wouldn’t be any issues.

“To me, [the crossing is] not right next to a station. That’s about a mile long, can’t they shorten that train to make sure that if it’s 215 cars to the edge [of the crossing] and 250 cars beyond, so keep the trains limited to 200 cars?” he said. “They could do that, but they don’t want to, because it’s more trains, more money.”

Reichelt said, as a short-term solution, they’ve set up a live video stream on the West Springfield side of the tracks focused on that crossing, and observed one of those 90-minute blockages earlier this month. West Side uses the video feed to aid emergency response, and Reichelt said he hopes to broadcast it on the town website.

“You can sit there an hour and watch it slowly get bigger and bigger as they’re building the train,” he said. “The blockages are becoming longer and longer. They tell me when it’s blocked for more than a half hour, it’s because they’re having mechanical problems, but last week we timed it and it was blocked for over an hour-and-a-half.”

One of potential long-term



The at-grade railroad crossing on the West Springfield side of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bridge regularly causes backups into North Agawam. PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

solution the two communities are investigating is setting up signs at key intersections that would patch into the CSX warning system to alert people when the bridge is blocked so they have time to detour to another route.

Sapelli said he, Reichelt, CSX and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation are working on a setting up a meeting in the next week or two to discuss the idea and potential state aid for funding it. Reichelt said his office’s early estimations could see the project costs cross \$100,000.

“We can go down and appeal to [CSX] and their good nature to give us access to their signals, so we can at least have the signal box warn us and wire into electronic signs in our neighborhood,” Sapelli explained. “Maybe we’ll get some more positive response than we’ve been getting because they haven’t been too receptive to any of our suggestions.

Reichelt said, “Unfortunately, CSX is unable to do anything, at

this time, so we’re working with our legislative delegation in Boston to try and get funding for a preemption system on both the Agawam and West Side sides of the track.”

He added: “timing-wise is going to be when the real issue is. We might get the money, but it might be a few years out.”

Sapelli hopes MassDOT can also provide insight into regulations for how long the tracks can be blocked by trains and who is responsible for the enforcing it.

According to Chapter 160, Section 151 of state law, a railroad corporation should not “willfully, obstruct, use or occupy [a public way] with cars or engines for more than 5 minutes at one time.”

It also states violations carry a fine of \$250 to \$500. A “blocked railway fact sheet” provided by a Federal Railway Administration spokesman stated that the FRA does not regulate how long a highway-rail grade crossing can be blocked, states can enact and

enforce its own laws.

“I don’t what the penalties are, who’s enforcing it,” Sapelli said. “We’ll pick DOT’s brain and ask all pertinent questions at that time — what’s our recourse, what’s the regulation ... I’d like to hear their response to that.”

Agawam Town Engineer Michelle Chase said the ideal locations would be to have signs at the Walnut Street and Springfield Street corner, O’Brien’s Corner, Maple and Bridge streets, and at Bridge and River streets, depending on cost. Not only would it keep townspeople informed, but also alert emergency responders with enough warning so they can compensate for the blockages.

“We’re definitely concerned about safety issues and accessibility through that area for emergency vehicles,” Chase said.

Fire Chief Alan Sirois stated, “It’s certainly an issue with emergency response. We’re always cognizant of traffic. The mayor is working with West Springfield to alleviate traffic concerns.”

A CSX spokesperson said in a statement that “CSX has been coordinating closely with local elected officials in Springfield and Agawam to discuss their concerns about roadway traffic flow during the Morgan Sullivan Bridge project.”

“We’ve had productive discussions on ways we can partner together to improve traffic flow around CSX’s West Springfield rail yard when train operations impact nearby grade crossings,” the statement continued. “In the meantime, CSX will continue working to minimize these impacts on the surrounding community as much as possible, as we work to advance potential long-term solutions.”

Applications open for civilian academy at jail

LUDLOW — Sheriff Nick Cocchi recently announced that seats are available for the Hampden County Sheriff’s Department’s Civilian Outreach Corrections Academy, which is scheduled to begin April 4, and will run through to May 9. It will be held at the Hampden County Jail and House of Correction in Ludlow.

The six-week program is conducted by trained instructors and is designed for the general public to get an inside view of the world of corrections as well as practical training in CPR, drug addiction, gang awareness and security, to name a few.

The classes will include K-9 demonstrations, family and friends CPR class, a “Day in the Life of a Corrections Officer,” a tour of the jail, recognizing substance abuse misuse and addiction to opioids, Narcan overdose training, as well as an overview of the Hampden County Sheriff’s Department’s role in the community.

The sheriff’s hope is to provide some practical skills for individuals on how to deal with substance abuse issues in friends and family, as well as improve the understanding surrounding the work of corrections professionals.

To be considered, interested individuals must be 18 and over and are subject to a CORI background screening. Applications will be accepted until Friday, March 23. For more information, visit hcsdma.org/public-resources/coca/ or contact Lt. Wade Dubois at wade.dubois@sdh.state.ma.us. Class size is limited.

Field upgrades garner industry award

A construction industry group plans to give accolades to the Agawam High School sports facilities that opened last year.

The American Sports Builders Association will award the Lou Conte Track — part of the new Harmon Smith Field stadium — and the new Gerry Smith Baseball Field behind the high school as “distinguished single field facilities” at its annual awards later this year. The awards recognize projects “which exemplify construction excellence.” The association bases its judgment on layout and design, site work, drainage base construction, surface, amenities, innovation and the overall impression.



Agawam High School’s new track and artificial turf field was completed last spring. FILE PHOTO

The facilities were designed by Milone and Macbroom Inc. of Springfield and the architectural firm of Caolo & Bieniek Associates, together with a proj-

ect team and committee appointed by the town.

In addition to the new track and field facility and baseball diamond, the \$7.95 million project included a

new artificial turf surface, scoreboard, bleachers, concession stand and press box at Harmon Smith Field, which serves as the home stadium for several AHS sports, including football. Outdoor tennis and basketball courts were also built, as well as upgrades to the AHS softball field. The project also made several improvements to sports facilities inside the AHS building, such as bringing the locker rooms into Title IX compliance.

The athletics project was funded mostly through city bonds, to be repaid by property tax revenues, and by \$1 million in Community Preservation Act funds.

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Nurse offers class on stopping bleeding

The Agawam Public library will host “Bleeding Control Basic,” a program designed to teach people how to use tourniquets and compression bandages to stop life-threatening bleeding, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28.

The program represents the collaboration among the Hartford Consensus, the American College

of Surgeons’ Committee on Trauma, the Committee on Tactical Combat Casualty Care, and the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians. The Hartford Consensus is a group of medical, government, and military personnel that was convened in Hartford after the school shooting at Sandy Hook in 2012.

The class will be taught by Katherine Wallis, a critical care nurse at Baystate Medical Center. There is no cost for the class, but pre-registration is required as space is limited. To register, call Kate at 413-478-8071. For more information, visit www.bleedingcontrol.org.

The library is at 750 Cooper St., Agawam.

Interdenominational services slated for Holy Week

The Agawam Clergy Association will celebrate Holy Week luncheon services at First Baptist Church, 760 Main St., Agawam. All services begin at noon and lunch will be provided at no cost following the service. Preachers and hosts for lunch this year are:

Monday, March 26: Lighthouse Christian Church, Elder Bob Olmstead.

Tuesday, March 27: Redeeming the Time Ministries, Pastor Josephus Housey Jr.

Wednesday, March 28: Agawam Congregational Church, Rev. Greg

Dawson.

Thursday, March 29: Bethany Assembly of God, Rev. Tim Reed.

Friday, March 30: Church of Redemption, Pastor Bill Pass.

All offerings will be donated to the Western Massachusetts Food Bank. The public is welcome.

Scholarship fundraiser to feature psychic medium

WEST SPRINGFIELD — The Ramapogue Women’s Club, a committee based in West Springfield dedicated to providing financial assistance to select local students, will host a scholarship fundraiser breakfast buffet Sunday, April 8, at the Storrowton Carriage House in West Springfield.

The event will feature Lisa Lanno,

intuitive spirit medium and paranormal researcher. Lanno says she received the ability to speak with those who have passed, and receive messages from the “other side,” suddenly after the tragic death of her oldest daughter’s best friend.

Doors open at 10:30 a.m., followed by the buffet at 11:30 a.m. and the

program at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person and include both the program and the breakfast.

For more information and tickets, call Pat at 413-596-6765, Joanna at 413-568-9048 or Elaine at 413-734-6684.

Storrowton is at 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield, on the grounds of the Big E.



Caesar’s as a dilapidated building in November 2017 ...



... and the demolished site this week. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

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the DEP come in to do some testing of the materials,” explained Town Solicitor Steve Buoniconti in a phone interview on Monday, March 19.

Buoniconti said the tests impact the cost and time of the project, as well as where the building remains will eventually be disposed of. Arment, whose company also did work on the Games and Lanes property, said an independent lab was contracted has been working on the analysis and will send the samples to DEP. He is expecting that the results will be in soon, so the demolition can be completed.

“We’re waiting for results and then we’ll move forward from there,” he said. “I believe we’ll have the results any day now.”

The demolition is a result of a Western Housing Court ruling from Nov. 3. The court ordered that the property be razed by March 1 with permits secured for the demolition by Feb. 15. The March 1 date was missed because of the additional testing that cropped up after the demolition had started.

Buoniconti said the town anticipates that the property will be sold once it is cleared and cleaned up.

“We anticipate in the near future it will be one full lot cleared and the owner will put it on the market,” he said. “At least, that is what has been suggested to us, is that the property will be sold once it has been cleaned up.”

While Caesar’s has cleared the court process and its cleanup is in progress, the Twin Silos property will be headed to court on Monday, March 26.

The town has been working with property owner Lester Seidman of Madison Square Realty to bring the building into compliance with state sprinkler system code, but the work has not yet been done.

The town and Seidman originally reached an agreement, mediated through housing court, to have the sprinklers brought up to code by Nov. 1. Buoniconti explained the town has tried to accommodate delays in the work getting done, but the time came to file for a hearing.

“There then became a delay in that and we were trying to be reasonable with him and he was working on it — there were multiple things he had to do with the Fire Department, the Water Department, certain connections that had to be made,” Buoniconti said. “He continues to still not have

the sprinkler system connected and in compliance with state law, so we have filed an action with the court for a hearing next Monday to enforce that decision.”

The court can prohibit Seidman from getting any permits in town, impose daily fines until the agreement is completed, and possibly even jail time.

“The courts are our greatest asset for the town to get final enforcement,” said Buoniconti. “It has been published in litiga-

Reservations available for St. David’s dinner

St. David’s Episcopal Church, 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, will host a roast turkey dinner at 6 p.m. Monday, April 9.

The meal will also include salad, fresh baked rolls, mashed potatoes, vegetable, dessert, and coffee, tea or lemonade.

The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under the age of 12 and free for children under the age of 5. For reservations, call 413-786-6133.

Pharmacist to discuss diabetes on April 23

The Agawam Senior Center will host Dr. Anusah Sekhar, Pharm.D., from the Southwick Pharmacy, Monday, April 23.

The program, “How Sweet Is Too Sweet? Understanding Your Diabetes,” will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Garden Room of the Senior Center at 954 Main St., Agawam. The pharmacist will be available to answer questions. To reserve a seat, call 413-821-0605.

Feeding Hills Grange to hold tag sale Saturday

Community Grange 382, 47 N. West St., Feeding Hills, will hold an indoor tag sale on Saturday, March 24, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Proceeds from the event will benefit Grange activities.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE AGENDA

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| 2. Moment of silence | * Financial update (paper report) |
| 3. Roll call of attendance | * Personnel update (paper report) |
| 4. Regular meeting – 7 p.m. | 2) Subcommittee updates |
| 5. Citizen’s Speak Time | 11. New business: |
| 6. Highlights on Education: | a. SCR-18-07—Request to re-schedule half-day of professional development |
| a. AHS Career Center presentation | 12. Policy Review: |
| 7. Superintendent’s Notes | a. Policy JICH — Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Use by Students Prohibited, first reading |
| 8. Student Advisory Committee representative update | b. Policy ADF — School District Wellness Program, first reading |
| 9. Unfinished business: None | c. Policy KHC — Distribution of Notices and Flyers, first reading |
| 10. Business meeting | 13. Any other items that may legally come before the committee |
| a. Routine matters | 14. Adjournment |
| 1) Approval of minutes | |
| 2) Calendar/Correspondence | |
| b. Warrants/Transfers | |
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OUR VIEW

Open eyes to driving dangers

With the dangers of distracted driving, aggressive driving and driving under the influence well-known, the community should open its eyes to a very common — yet underreported — phenomenon: sleepy driving. While modern life often demands extended periods behind the wheel, especially for those who drive for a living, it is up to the individual to exercise common sense and be aware of the warning signs before an accident puts one's life and that of others on the road at risk.

Readers know how looking away from the road for a few seconds can change a life forever. It is even more true when the driver loses sight of everything, even momentarily.

According to a recent study by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, based on footage of everyday drivers, sleepy driving was present in 10 percent of crashes, far more than federal estimates. The study examined drivers' faces in three minutes leading up to a crash, and droopy eyelids and closed eyes were found. Many reading this may have found themselves nodding off on the road. Hopefully, awareness of the hazards will encourage them to either get a good night's sleep or take a nap before a long-distance trip.

According to a survey by the AAA Foundation, 96 percent of drivers said they realized drowsy driving was dangerous but nearly 30 percent admitted to doing so in the past month. That's alarming enough. The real percentage could be far higher and it is an issue that driving schools and businesses that employ those who drive need to take seriously.

Karin Johnson, M.D., the medical director of the Baystate Health Sleep Program, gave a talk to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation a few years ago where she outlined the effects that sleepy driving have on the overall economy. Although Western Massachusetts-specific statistics are not available, she pointed out that those with inadequate sleep too often get behind the wheel of a vehicle. The problem becomes more acute when there is a financial incentive to do so, such as for truck drivers and those making deliveries.

Between 20 and 30 percent of commercial motor vehicle crashes were sleep-related several years ago, and more than 40 of serious crashes were the same. As many as 13.5 percent of such drivers reported sleeping less than five hours per night, and again, the actual number could be considerably higher. In some cases, this is caused by medical issues such as obstructive sleep apnea, restless leg syndrome or narcolepsy.

Companies do have the legal right to pull CDL licenses for those involved in a sleep-related crash. So it makes sense for both financial reasons and personal safety to investigate treatment options such as CPAP, or continuous positive airway pressure.

For those without a diagnosed condition, it is important to remember that drinking coffee, rolling down the window and turning up the radio are not solutions — your body will ultimately need its down time. Be sure to find it. As busy as life can be, the costs of not doing so should jolt everyone awake.

What do you think? Send your letter to the editor to aan@turley.com. The deadline for letters to the editor is Monday at noon. Letters must be signed and include the writer's address and daytime telephone number (not for publication).



Letters to the Editor

Community comes together to support clothing exchange

Thank you to the Agawam community for your support of the Kids[Used Clothing Exchange held at the Agawam Public Library on March 9 and 10. This tremendously successful event would not have happened without the contributions of many volunteers.

Thank you, Agawam High School SAVE Club and the Smart Start Preschool, for collecting gently used clothing at your schools and spreading the word

about this event to students, staff and other community members. Thank you, Agawam High School National Honor Society and other Agawam High School students for organizing the clothing in a beautiful, orderly fashion, making it easy for community members to free shop for clothing by size and style. Thank you to all individuals and families who brought gently used clothing to the library.

The amount and variety of clothing shared was heartwarm-

ing. Thank you to the library staff for providing a welcoming environment and kindly providing assistance with multiple details. Thank you, Agawam Advertiser News for printing free press releases about this event.

This is what a sharing economy looks like!

**Abbey Massaro,
Danielle Light, Judy
Kiely, Nancy Bobskill**
Agawam Zero Waste Club

Chiropractor proud to celebrate silver anniversary in town

This month, March 30 to be exact, is my 25th year as proud owner of Hampden County Chiropractic.

How honored I am to have the privilege and opportunity to make a difference in each and every one

of my patients' unique care. I've grown a tremendous amount over the years, as both a person and a healer, and have striven to become the best chiropractor I can.

I would like to thank my family, friends, patients and the

community for supporting me throughout the years, and am truly grateful for each and every one of you. Thank you all.

Dr. Tami Nelson
Feeding Hills

FAITH MATTERS

We are all loved by God

For approximately seven years now, Sacred Heart Parish in Feeding Hills has offered a "Life in the Spirit Seminar" starting on the Monday after Easter for seven consecutive weeks. It is a time of new beginnings, a time to follow a deep yearning of one's faith, a time to be a part of a faith family in a way you never dreamed possible. It is a new way of life.

In 2011, I was feeling very unsettled and empty, but at the same time searching for something that I just couldn't put my finger on. Someone invited me to go to a "Life in the Spirit Seminar." I went out of curiosity. Each week there was a different talk. We sang Praise and Worship music (which was very new to me) and then we went into small groups for sharing. It was like a small, intimate family. As the weeks passed, I felt a stirring like nothing I had ever experienced; the Holy Spirit at work. My journey with the Holy Spirit has brought me such joy in so many ways. I have grown in ways that I can no longer count, saying no to whatever the Lord asks is impossible, and I wouldn't have it any other way.

Living baptized in the Holy Spirit is first of all knowing that we are all loved by God and we see truths more clearly. God's love is very personal. "Are you not aware that you are the temple of God, and that the spirit dwells within you?" (1 Cor. 3:16). Wow, God loves us so much. God is always with us, overflowing our hearts with his great love.

Now, what do you do with all the truths and God's love? What is God asking of you? Everyone's journey

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is unique to them, God's perfect plan. For some, you may be drawn to a particular ministry in your parish, you may increase your prayer and meditation time with our Lord, for others you may sign up for Bible studies, be on team for seminars or retreats or visit the homebound. There are endless opportunities to serve our Lord. With God, nothing is impossible.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are beautiful tools for a faith-filled life. We are given these gifts when we are baptized and receive the sacrament of Confirmation. In Isaiah 11:2-3 are the gifts of the Spirit. They help us live our faith in holiness, truth and power. There are different gifts but the same Spirit. "Set your minds on higher gifts" (1 Cor. 12:31).

If you are as curious as I was, join the next "Life in the Spirit Seminar" that you see in your area. The seminar is open to anyone who is feeling called to come, to fill an empty void or understand the word of God as the Holy Spirit removes the veil that keeps us from understanding.

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Cultural Council planning bus trip to NYC this May

The Agawam Cultural Council is sponsoring a “Plan Your Own Day” bus trip to New York City on Saturday, May 5. Activities such as museum and gallery exhibits, theater and music performances, street festivals and shopping are available to those going on the trip. Running two buses in tandem, a member of the council, acting as “leader” on each bus, will be available to help with information along the way. The buses are scheduled to make five stops in Manhattan

— the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Rockefeller Center/Radio City, Times Square/TKTS, 34th Street (Macy’s), and finally South Street Seaport. Riders may elect to get off at any of these scheduled stops.

Buses depart Doering School, formerly known as the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main St., Agawam, from the parking lot in the rear of the building at 7 a.m. sharp.

Tickets are available now. The price is \$45 per person. This is a pop-

ular trip and seating is limited to 108 on a first-come basis. Tickets are assigned only as payments arrive, and cannot be reserved by phone.

Current ticket availability, updated as requests are processed, plus further details and a map to the departure point can be found at www.agawamcc.org. For questions not answered on the website, call 413-789-1201. This number is for information only. It is not available for ticket reservations.

The return trip will leave New York City at 6:30 p.m. and be back in Agawam between 9:30 and 10 p.m. To secure a seat, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with a check made out to “Agawam Cultural Council” to Agawam Cultural Council, 153 Anthony St., Agawam, MA 01001.

The Agawam Cultural Council is an all-volunteer partner of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, which provides part of its funding.

Friends of Senior Center plan travel to shopping, theater, sights

The Friends of the Agawam Senior Center have announced the following trips. Transportation is provided by Landmark Tours and Cruises unless noted otherwise. For more information, contact Penny Hardick at 413-519-7223.

May 8-10: Pennsylvania Dutch Country tour includes the premier of “Jesus” at the Sight and Sound Theater, a dinner theater featuring the Broadway musical, “Grease,” two nights at the Country Inn of Lancaster, a visit to the Kitchen Kettle Village, and more. It also includes all taxes and gratuities, including driver and escort. Cost is \$548 per person, double occupancy; \$713, single; \$506 per person, triple. Final payment is due April 1.

June 13-14: Ogunquit, Maine, for a guided tour of Kennebunkport and a tour of the Bush Family Compound at Walker’s Point, a visit to the Kittery Outlets, accommodations at the Meadowmere Resort, dinner at the Ogunquit Playhouse, traditional clambake at Foster’s of Maine, dinner at Jonathan’s Restau-

rant and more. It also includes all taxes and gratuities, including driver and guide. Cost is \$399 per person, double occupancy; \$454, single; \$387 per person, triple. Final payment is due May 5.

Aug. 30: Explore Rockport and Gloucester and enjoy a fresh lobster bake luncheon at the Gloucester House Restaurant. Cost is \$89 per person and includes all taxes and gratuities. A \$10 deposit is required with reservation with the balance due on or before Aug. 2. The bus will depart the old Agawam Senior Center, 66 Meadowbrook Manor, at 9 a.m. and will return at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 4-7: Niagara Falls tour includes accommodations at the Falls View Hilton Hotel, dinner at the Skylon Tower, guided tour of Niagara-on-the-Lake, visit and tasting at a local winery, visit to the “Daredevils” exhibit, easy access to the Falls View Casino and more. It also includes all taxes and gratuities, including driver and escort. Cost is \$798 per person, double oc-

cupancy; \$1,088, single; and \$769 per person, triple. A \$100 deposit is required with reservation with final payment due by July 25.

Sept. 27: The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber featuring Terry Barber at Chez Josef in Agawam. Cost is \$59 per person and includes a full luncheon. A deposit of \$10 is required with reservation with balance due on or before Sept. 20. Transportation is on your own. Doors open at 11:15 a.m. with departure at approximately 3:45 p.m.

Oct. 16: A trip on the Newport Dinner Train will include a 90-minute tour through the countryside of Aquidneck Island with breathtaking views of Narragansett Bay along the way and a bistro luncheon. It also includes time for a visit to the Brick Market Place. The train has a full bar for purchase. Cost is \$78 per person and includes all taxes and gratuities. A deposit of \$10 is required with reservation with the balance due on or before Sept. 17. The bus will depart the old Agawam Senior Center, 66 Meadow-

brook Manor, at 8:15 a.m. and will return at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Nov. 8: A Salute to Veterans featuring the music of Joey Vincent at the Log Cabin, 500 Easthampton Road, Holyoke, will feature a first-rate musical entertainment experience and full luncheon. Cost is \$49 per person. A \$10 deposit is required with reservation with the balance due on or before Oct. 8. Transportation is on your own. Doors open at 11:15 a.m. with departure at approximately 3:45 p.m.

Dec. 11: “Bring It, Swing It,” a musical excursion featuring the talented and versatile group known as Eight to the Bar, is a colorful mixture of ’40s jibe, ’50s melodrama and ’60s to ’80s Motown, at Chez Josef in Agawam. Cost is \$55 per person and includes a welcome reception upon arrival and luncheon. A deposit of \$10 is required with reservation with balance due on or before Nov. 13. Transportation is on your own. Doors open at 11:15 a.m. with departure at approximately 3:45 p.m.

St. John’s Travelers plan bus trips this year to Maine, Quebec

St. John’s Travelers will host the following bus trips. To make reservations for any of the trips listed below, call Emile Cote at 413-335-9440.

Sept. 17-19: Ogunquit and Portland, Maine. The cost is \$429 per person, double occupancy; \$419 per person, triple occupancy; \$579 per single; and includes

roundtrip motor coach, two nights at the Meadowmere Resort, two breakfasts, lobsterbake at Foster’s Lobster, dinner at Jonathan’s Restaurant with entertainment, live performance at the Ogunquit Playhouse, baggage handling, meal taxes, tips and more. The bus will depart St. John’s Church, 833 Main St., Agawam at 7 a.m.

Oct. 26-29: Quebec City, Canada. Cost is \$595 per person, double occupancy; \$575 per person, triple occupancy; \$845 per single; and includes roundtrip motor coach, three nights at the Hampton Inn in Quebec City, three dinners, sight-seeing tours, cruise on the St. Lawrence River, visit to the St. Anne de Beaupre Healing Shrine, meal

taxes, tips and more. The bus will depart St. John’s Church, 833 Main St., Agawam, at 7 a.m.

Nov. 13: “Buddy Holly & Beyond” tribute show at the Castle of Knights in Chicopee. Cost is \$49 per person and includes luncheon, show, meal taxes and gratuities. This is a self-drive trip with an 11:30 a.m. arrival time.

Nominations sought for regional community service award

The Advertising Club of Western Massachusetts is seeking nominations from throughout Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin and Berkshire counties for the Pyncheon Award, which recognizes those citizens of the region who have rendered distinguished service to the community.

The Order of William Pyncheon was established by the Advertising Club in 1915 to recognize and encourage individuals whose lives and achievements typified the ideals of promoting citizenship and

the building of a better community in Western Massachusetts. Past recipients include war heroes, social activists, teachers, volunteers, philanthropists, historians, clergy, physicians, journalists, public servants, and business leaders, a diverse group each with a passion for our region and a selfless streak. A complete list of recipients since 1915 can be found at www.adclub-wm.org/events/pyncheonaward.

To nominate an individual, submit a one-page letter explaining

why the nominee should be considered. Please include biographical information, outstanding accomplishments, examples of service to the community, organizations he or she is or has been active in, and the names, phone numbers and email addresses of at least three people who can further attest to the nominee’s eligibility for induction into the Order of William Pyncheon.

All nominees will be considered and researched by the Pyncheon Trustees, comprising the current

and five past presidents of the Advertising Club. Nominations must be submitted by March 30 to William Pyncheon Trustees, Advertising Club of Western Massachusetts, P.O. Box 1022, West Springfield, MA 01090-1022, or by email to info@ad-clubwm.org.

Pyncheon medalists are chosen by unanimous decision of the Pyncheon Trustees. Recipients will be announced in June with an awards ceremony scheduled for Oct. 18 at the Log Cabin in Holyoke.

DEATH NOTICES

Cofer, Moses
Died March 16
Funeral March 23
Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam

Hurley, Gerald R.
Died March 15
Private funeral
Sampson’s Chapel of the Acres Springfield

Kibbe, Shirley A.
Died March 12
Funeral March 17
Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam

O’Donnell, Kevin P.
Died March 6
Funeral March 16
Toomey-O’Brien Funeral Home West Springfield

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Youth

School Lunch

All lunches served with fresh and chilled fruit.

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL

- Monday, March 26:** Popcorn chicken, seasoned corn, mashed potatoes, dinner roll.
- Tuesday, March 27:** French toast sticks, hash browns, pork sausage links.
- Wednesday, March 28:** Chicken filet wrap with assorted sauce served with lettuce, tomato and cheese, side of pasta salad.
- Thursday, March 29:** Fresh assorted calzones, garden salad with light dressing.
- Friday, March 30:** Good Friday. No school.

AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
ROBERTA G. DOERING SCHOOL
AGAWAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

- Monday, March 26:** Buffalo chicken chunks with dipping sauce, whipped potatoes, carrot sticks with ranch.
- Tuesday, March 27:** Twin tacos, lettuce, tomato

- and salsa, Spanish rice, Mexicali corn, orange juice.
- Wednesday, March 28:** Pasta with meatballs, garlic knot, seasoned broccoli.
- Thursday, March 29:** Stuffed crust pizza, salad with light dressing, cookie.
- Friday, March 30:** Good Friday. No school.

BREAKFAST

- All breakfasts include assorted cold cereal, muffins and pastries, cheese sticks, fresh fruit and orange juice.
- Serving times:** High school, 7 a.m.; junior high, 7:15 a.m.; Granger, 7:55 a.m.; Doering, 8:10 a.m.; Phelps, 8:20 a.m.; Robinson Park, 8:30 a.m.; Clark 8:35 a.m.
- Monday, March 26:** Pancakes with syrup.
- Tuesday, March 27:** Waffles.
- Wednesday, March 28:** Egg and cheese sandwich with hash browns.
- Thursday, March 29:** Warm cinnamon rolls.
- Friday, March 30:** Good Friday. No school.

CAMPUS NOTES

- Boston University:** Kreag Sheehan graduated cum laude at ceremonies held in January.
- Clark University:** Olivia Isom, of Feeding Hills, was named to the fall semester dean's list.
- Clarkson University:** Raffaele Manzi, of Agawam, received the Richard C. and Joy M. Dorf Endowed Scholarship and Elwyn J. Rodee Endowed Scholarship during the 2017-18 academic year.
- Florida Institute of Technology:** Michael Werbiskis, of Feeding Hills, was named to the fall semester dean's list.
- Goodwin College:** Benjamin Bobianski, of Feeding Hills, was named to the fall semester president's list. Nicholas Garvey, of Agawam, and Benjamin Bobianski, of Feeding Hills, were named to the fall semester dean's list.
- Northeastern University:** Jasmine Rayonia and Jeremy Venne, of Agawam; and Sydney Carra and Alexis Kupiec, of Feeding Hills, were named to the fall semester dean's list.

- Rochester Institute of Technology:** Emily Jefferson, of Agawam, was named to the fall semester dean's list.
- UMass Amherst:** Victoria Abramchuk, Ryan Barrington, Liudmila Belonogov, Matthew Dagenais, Abigail Garner, Ian Higgins, Christa Hurley, Sarah Kamukala, Jisun Kim, Nicholas Korniyenko, Sarah Landry, Todd Maniscalchi, Stephen Mateus, Mario Metallo, Jesse Near, Paul Oberheim, James Orr, Timothy Regnier, Julia Serra, Timothy Slicch, Ashley Webster and Philip Woods, of Agawam; and Joseph Bortolussi, Gary Chirgwin, Edward Clifford, Elyse Cote, Xhy-Y Dao, Michael Destefano, Jacqueline Donahue, Robert Fontaine, Tara Graham, Alexander Gut, Sierra Jones, Jonathan Kelley, Margaret Mendoza, Christie Mirski, Darlene Nguyen, Michael Pfau, Allison Schwarz, Nicholas Scuderi, Elain Tang and Kevin Thompson, of Feeding Hills, were named to the fall semester dean's list.
- Western Governors University:** Jeanne Hartmann, of Agawam, graduated at ceremonies held Feb. 10.

Cheerleading tryouts will be April 12

Agawam Youth Cheerleading tryouts and sign-up for the fall season will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 12, at the Agawam Public Library. The tryouts are for children entering grades 3 through 8

in the fall. Registration fee is \$30. For more information, contact Shelley Sullivan at 413-374-9349. The library is at 750 Cooper St., Agawam.

AHS COUNSELING BULLETIN

College/University Information Opportunities

A representative from the Dual Enrollment program at STCC will be visiting AHS on Tuesday, April 3, from 9:15 to 10 a.m. Students can register in Naviance to attend this meeting. This visit will pertain specifically to the Dual Enrollment program. The Springfield National College Fair will be held at the Big E on Monday, April 9, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Students will have the ability to talk with admissions representatives from colleges across the country. During the night portion of the fair, a Financial Aid session will be offered. More information is available at nacacfairs.org. Gallaudet University Youth Programs offers camps for deaf and hard of hearing students that are designed to provide stimulating summer learning and experiential opportunities. These camps blend excitement, education, and enjoyment in a bilingual environment rich in cultural diversity. Four popular camps (Bison Brainiacs, Blackbox Theatre, Discover Your Future, and Immerse into ASL) are offered for high school students, and Got Skills? Camp is for middle school students where campers can choose from different activities daily to design their own camp experience. For more information, contact youthprograms@gallaudet.edu.

Special interest programs

Ludlow High School will be hosting a presentation at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28, for students with IEPs/504s, providing information relative to admissions, rights to access, accommodations, at the college level. Representatives from five local colleges — HCC, STCC, UMass, WNEU, and Westfield State University — will also be in attendance. Jr. Tech Inc., a Massachusetts-based non-profit that has delivered experiential STEM education programs in Massachusetts for the past 10 years, is offering Girls STEM Summit on Sunday, April 8, at Regis College in Weston. The focus is on girls in grades 8-12 who are interested in or curious about careers in the STEM fields. The registration fee is \$67 per student and includes all speakers, hands-on sessions, lunch and snacks, giveaways and a take home gift. Call 617-512-1794 with any questions. "An Artistic Discovery" is the annual nationwide Congressional High School Art Competition, sponsored by the Congressional Arts Caucus and coordinated by members of the

United States House of Representatives in their districts. The winning entry from each participating district will be exhibited for a year in a remarkable display in a hallway of the United States Capitol in Washington, DC. "An Artistic Discovery" provides Members of Congress and the public the opportunity to encourage and recognize the rich artistic talents of young Americans at a time when local cultural organizations and arts-in-education programs are being curtailed. Interested students can obtain information and the entry form from Congressman Richard Neal's website, neal.house.gov. All art submissions must be received by Thursday, April 14. The art will be on display for judging and public view from Tuesday, April 20, through Friday, April 30, at Tower Square in Springfield. The winning entry will then become part of the national display at the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington D.C. Congressman Richard Neal's Academy Day is held each year on the last Saturday in April at Westover Air Reserve Base in Chicopee. This year, it will take place on Saturday, April 28, at 12:30 p.m. This forum is designed to help students interested in pursuing an academy education learn about the nominations and appointments process. Representatives from all of the academies, as well as ROTC, Norwich University and Mass Maritime also participate in this event. Because it is held on an Air Force Base, pre-registration is absolutely required for this event. Registration forms and information about the event can be found on at neal.house.gov. All participants must be pre-registered by March 31 in order to participate. This annual event has assisted many young people realize their goal of attending a United States Service Academy. Women of Distinction at Smith College for high school seniors highlights the opportunities at Smith for African American, Latina, Asian American, and Native American students. The dates of the program are Oct. 19-21. Admission is competitive. Applications will be available on May 1, and are due on June 15. More information is available at smith.edu/women-distinction-program. The University of New Hampshire invites rising seniors considering a career in the industry of hospitality management to participate in a one-week residential hospitality management program from July 15-21. Students will be able to experience the excitement of college life and take college courses with renowned hospitality management faculty. The tuition for the program is \$500. For full details, visit paulcollege.unh.edu/departments/hospitality-management/summer-program. Springfield Technical Community College and Holyoke Community College are again offering the chance for current juniors and seniors to take up to one free course in each semester through the College Now program. This is a great way to earn college credits while in high school while trying courses that may be helpful in exploring a potential career interest. See your counselor for details.

Scholarship; Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps; Big Y Scholarship; Charitable and Educational Trust of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts Order Sons of Italy in America; Yawkey Scholars Program; the Red Pine Scholarship; College Club of Springfield; West of the River Chamber of Commerce Scholarship; Rebekah Assembly of Massachusetts; Mark Bavis Leadership Foundation; the Charles H. Heyl Vocational/Technical Scholarship/Grant; Stephen Phillips Memorial Scholarship Fund's Western Massachusetts Scholarship Program American College Foundation; Pioneer Valley Chapter of the Massachusetts Credit Unions; Walter S. Barr Scholarship; William R. Rooney Scholarship; Horace Smith Fund Scholarship; Berkshire Bank Scholarship; Springfield Garden Club; Holyoke Community College Foundation; Professional Women in Construction Conn. Chapter; Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts; Agawam Democratic Town Committee Award; Agawam Soccer Association; Agawam Soccer Association Sullivan Family Scholarship; Arthur J. Leary Scholarship; Agawam Soccer Association Christopher Knight Scholarship; Agawam Soccer Association; Rich Parolo Scholarship; Ray and Reita McCarroll Memorial Scholarship; Agawam Golden Agers Club; Andrew Gallano Scholarship for the Arts; Agawam High School PTO STRIVE Scholarships; William J. Miller Scholarship; Agawam Education Association 25 Week Club Scholarship; Andy Pac Memorial Scholarship; Agawam Youth Football Scholarship; Holyoke Credit Union Scholarship Program; R. Kenneth Grady Memorial Scholarship; AHS Class of 1947 Scholarship; Agawam Junior High PTO Scholarship; American College Foundation Visionary Scholarship; Six Flags New England Scholarships; the Advertising Club of Western Massachusetts; Advertising Club of Western Massachusetts; Agawam Municipal Scholarship; James Clark School PTO Scholarship; Community Foundation of Western Mass.; Agawam Garden Club; Valley Press Club; Agawam Lioness Club Eileen Egan Teaching Scholarship; Agawam Lioness Club Medical Field Scholarship; Faolin Pierce Scholarship; Barbara Skolnick Scholarship(s); GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club 2018 Scholarship; Mounimeh Future Teacher Scholarship; Pascal A. Deliso Scholarship; Agawam Lions Club; Agawam Little League Memorial Scholarship; Donald J. Charest Memorial Scholarship; Kiwanis Club of West Springfield/Agawam; Jewish Endowment Foundation; Emily K. Dushane Memorial Foundation Scholarship; DJJ Foundation Scholarship; Matthews Mass. Memorial Fund Scholarship; AHS Class of 1980 Scholarship; Future Medical Career Club Scholarship; William B. Menard Memorial Scholarship; Junior League of Greater Springfield; The Kulundrux Foundation (Kyle J. W. Hendricks Scholarship Fund). Studentscholarships.org currently lists 10 scholarships that will give out more than \$1 million to students in the 2017-18 school year. Students from Massachusetts schools are eligible for all of the current awards that are listed. Register with Collegexpress.com to easily find scholarships that might be a match for you. The site lists a total of \$7 billion in scholarships.

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- 15. Saddle horse
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- 18. "Girls" creator Dunham
- 19. A type of twin
- 21. Groans
- 22. Infections
- 23. What a beaver makes
- 24. Thou
- 25. Make a mistake
- 28. Receive
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- 31. Burn the surface of
- 33. Where coaches observe
- 36. Ceremonial offices
- 38. Paddle
- 39. The body's main artery

CLUES DOWN

- 41. Altered the original state
- 44. Alleges
- 45. Short-billed rails
- 46. Northern Thai province
- 48. Albanian monetary unit
- 49. Who the Wolverines play for
- 51. Oath
- 52. Astronomical period
- 54. A single unit
- 56. Presides over
- 60. Spoiled tot
- 61. Hillsides
- 62. Fertility god
- 63. Assuage
- 64. Signs a contract
- 65. Ancient Greek war dance
- 66. Allows
- 67. Lunar crater
- 68. Crash a motorcycle (Brit. slang)

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Loose-fitting undergarment
- 2. Western Romanian city
- 3. Unit of length
- 4. Type of electricity
- 5. Article
- 6. Mothers
- 7. Monetary unit
- 8. Single Lens Reflex
- 9. Tan-colored horses
- 10. Region
- 11. Cautious in spending money
- 12. Belittle
- 14. Sarcastic
- 17. Fathers
- 20. Clothes
- 21. Opera's Callas
- 23. Lentil dish
- 25. Energy-saving module
- 26. Make sense of a language
- 27. Hurries through
- 29. Songs to one's lover

- 30. Name given to plant groups
- 32. Improves
- 34. Patriotic women
- 35. Inflamed swelling on the eyelid
- 37. Instrument in Indian music
- 40. Request
- 42. Make into leather without using tannin
- 43. Defies
- 47. Neither
- 49. Flower cluster
- 50. Phonological unit
- 52. Leaves in water
- 53. Cavalry-sword
- 55. Famed American cartoonist
- 56. Messenger ribonucleic acid
- 57. Scarlett's home
- 58. Make
- 59. Stony waste matter
- 61. What to do at auction
- 65. Incorrect letters

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Youth

Student leads supply drive for homeless kids

Agawam Junior High School student Kailey Butler, along with a team of volunteers made up of friends and family, recently began a clothing and supplies drive to benefit homeless and needy children across Massachusetts.

The donation drive, called “Cradles to Crayons,” is part of Butler’s work as an ambassador for the Project 351 program. Project 351 is made up of young leaders with big hearts and spirit throughout Massachusetts, committed to make a positive difference in the lives of thousands of children.

Cradles to Crayons provides children from birth through age 12, living in homeless or low-income situations, with the essentials they need to thrive at home, at school and at play. The items are provided free of charge thanks to donations from around the state.

Donations will be accepted in Agawam from March 25 to April 6. Items can be dropped off at Agawam Junior High School, 1305 Springfield St., Feeding Hills; Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St., Agawam; Benjamin Phelps School, 689 Main St.,

AJHS student Kailey Butler has set up collection boxes at Agawam schools and the library for clothing and school supply donations for homeless children.

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Agawam; Clifford Granger School, 31 S. Westfield St., Feeding Hills; Roberta Doering School, 68 Main St., Agawam; and both of the ECC schools.

Clothing items needed include new, like-new or gently-used shirts, pants, winter coats and fall or spring jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts, and everyday footwear (shoes, winter boots, sneakers, sandals); and new (never-worn) underwear, socks and pajamas. Sizes needed range from 0 months to adult medium/size 10.

Other items needed include books; school supplies; art and craft items; hygiene kits (shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, lotion, etc.); diapers, baby wipes, ointments, etc.; baby safety items (outlet covers, monitors, cabinet locks, etc.); baby equipment (strollers, car seats, pack n’ plays, bouncy saucers, etc.); and developmental toys and games.



Town’s Easter egg hunt slated for this Saturday

The town of Agawam Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department, Agawam Lions Club and Agawam Rotary Club, will take place Saturday, March 24, at the School Street Park pavilion, off Corey Street.

The cost is \$5 per family (carload). Different hunts will be organized for three age groups — ages 4 and younger, ages 5-7, and age 8 and older — with special prizes in each area. Allergy-free gift bags will be available upon request. The hunt will begin promptly at 11 a.m., and those attending are asked to bring a basket or bag to collect eggs. Parking will be permitted in both the Corey Street and School Street lots.

The rain or snow date is Saturday, March 31. No advance registration is necessary.

Women runners can apply for \$1K scholarship

The Pioneer Valley Women’s Running Club will award a \$1,000 scholarship to a high school senior to help with college expenses. To be considered, an application must be received by April 30.

“The PVWRC is a civic-minded club that hopes to support a female runner in the local area through our scholarship fund,” said Nicole Collins, scholarship committee co-chairman. “The PVWRC scholarship aims to reward a well-rounded, civic-minded, college-bound high school senior who’s passionate about running.”

Applications, submission requirements, and selection criteria may be obtained by contacting the guidance department of the student’s high school or by visiting at www.pvwrc.org.

Founded in 2000, the PVWRC is a non-profit organization, and is affiliated with the Road Runners Club of America.

Scholarships available for journalism students

The Valley Press Club, based in Springfield, will award up to six \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors in Western Massachusetts and northern Connecticut who are interested in pursuing a career in journalism.

The Valley Press Club Scholarships, funded by contributions and dues to the Press Club, are for students planning careers in print, online or broadcast journalism.

- The Republican Scholarship, funded by The Republican newspaper and administered by the club, is for students living within the newspaper’s circulation area who are planning careers in print journalism.

- The 22News Scholarship, funded by WWLP-TV and administered by the club, is for students planning careers in broadcast journalism.

- The Edward J. Malley Jr. Memorial

Scholarship, established in memory of a chief photographer for the Springfield Newspapers, is for students planning careers in photojournalism.

- The Rhonda Swan Memorial Scholarship, established in memory of the award-winning journalist, editor and author, is for students who are underrepresented, in the Springfield area, planning careers in journalism.

- The Al Jaffe Scholarship, funded by Jaffe, the Valley Press Club’s first scholarship recipient in 1964, who retired in 2015 as vice president of talent negotiation and production recruitment at ESPN, is for students planning careers in broadcast journalism or sports journalism.

Primary emphasis is placed on career goals, writing ability, scholastic aptitude and overall achievement as measured by an applicant’s high school transcript, class

rank, academic awards, SAT scores and extracurricular activities.

Scholarship applications are available at www.ValleyPressClub.com, high school guidance offices, or by emailing NTassinari@TheBigE.com. Applications may be sent by mail to Noreen Tassinari, VPC Scholarship Chair, Eastern States Exposition, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield, MA 01089, or electronically to NTassinari@TheBigE.com. The deadline for submissions is April 1. Over the course of five decades, the Valley Press Club has presented over \$130,000 in scholarships to eligible students.

The Valley Press Club consists of active and retired journalists and public relations professionals from corporate and nonprofit organizations. Its annual roast, scheduled for May 10 at the John Boyle O’Reilly Club, Springfield, raises funds for scholarships.

Our Back Pages

From yesteryear’s editions of the Agawam Advertiser News, compiled by Ryan Schmitt.

One year ago: 10-year-old Nick Ugolini was recognized in March 2017 for helping his neighbors who needed it most. While others spent their snow days sledding or playing video games indoors, Nick shoveled the driveways and cleaned off the cars of his elderly neighbors. He advertised a free “Nick’s Shoveling and Clean Up Service” for elderly and disabled residents of Agawam. “One day I’m going to be elderly, and I hope someone does the same for me,” he explained.

Five years ago: City Councilor Paul Cavallo asked Community Preservation Committee on March 18, 2013, to consider expending Community Preservation Act funds to rehabilitate Town Hall on Main Street at some point in the future. Cavallo said, “I kept saying to myself I’ve been in this town 46 years and that Town Hall has not really changed at all.” He estimated that the project from start to finish would take around two to three years. The building has a number of issues, the chief concerns being that as a two-story building with five levels, it is not handicap accessible.

Ten years ago: After an emergency meeting, the town’s Planning Department in March 2008 submitted an application for a state grant of about \$69,000 for an economic development study for Agawam. The grant was offered to cities and towns that adopted Massachusetts General Law Chapter 43D. The law designated specific tracts of land for industrial development and allowed the local permit process to be streamlined. In Agawam’s case, this meant the 13.5 acres owned by Westmass Area Development Corp. of Chicopee.

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Friday, March 23

SOUTHWICK REGIONAL SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB presents “The Wizard of Oz” today at 7 p.m.; Saturday at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.; and Sunday at 1 p.m. at the Southwick Regional School auditorium, 93 Feeding Hills Road, Southwick. General admission, \$14; students/seniors, \$10.

A LENTEN LUNCHEON will be served in Ashbury Hall at Trinity United Methodist Church, 361 Sumner Ave., Springfield from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Chapel services will take place from 12:30 to 1 p.m. in Grace Chapel. Take-out lunch available by calling ahead at 413-221- 5399. There is a 50 cent packaging charge per takeout.

Saturday, March 24

EASTER EGG HUNT at School Street Park, Corey Street entrance, Agawam, at 11 a.m., sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department, Agawam Lions Club and Agawam Rotary Club. Separate hunts for ages 4 and under, ages 5-7, and ages 8 and over. Admission is \$5 per carload. Snow date is March 31.

COMMUNITY GRANGE 382, 47 N. West St., Feeding Hills, will hold an indoor tag sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Proceeds from the event will benefit Grange activities.

Thursday, March 29

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present “Depicting Justice through Fiction in a Western Massachusetts Setting” featuring Michael Posner, novelist and U.S. District Judge, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts, 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call 413-263-6800, ext. 488.

Friday, March 30

A LENTEN LUNCHEON will be served in Ashbury Hall at Trinity United Methodist Church, 361 Sumner Ave., Springfield from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Chapel services will take place from 12:30 to 1 p.m. in Grace Chapel. Take-out lunch available by calling ahead at 413-221- 5399. There is a 50 cent packaging charge per takeout.

Saturday, March 31

EASTER EGG HUNT at Bethany Assembly of God, 580

Agawam Senior Center

Lunch Menu

Monday, March 26: Spaghetti and meatballs, homemade tomato sauce, broccoli, apples.

Tuesday, March 27: Chicken and dumplings, spring salad, mixed fruit.

Wednesday, March 28: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, peaches.

Thursday, March 29: Roast turkey and gravy, stuffing with apples and cranberries, cranberry sauce, green beans, baked good.

Friday, March 30: Baked fish Florentine, rice pilaf, mixed vegetables, pudding.

Calendar of Events

Monday, March 26: 8:15 a.m., weight training, yoga; 9:45 a.m., line dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., Bingo; 5:30 p.m., Zumba.

Tuesday, March 27: 9 a.m., sewing class, open knitting group, exercise class with Sue Woods from YMCA; 9:45 a.m., exercise class with Sue Woods

from YMCA; 10 a.m., Computer Tech Club meets; noon, ladies only billiards, canasta; 12:30 p.m., movie (“6 Below: Miracle on the Mountain”), mah jongg; 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 4:30 p.m. yoga with Loretta; 6 p.m., beginner line dance.

Wednesday, March 28: 8:15 a.m., weight training, yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 11:15 a.m., tai chi; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., ballroom lessons, Scrabble; 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers Chapter 1 meeting; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Thursday, March 29: Free tax prep by AARP (by appointment only); 9 a.m., exercise class with Sue Woods from YMCA; 9:30 a.m., quilting; 10 a.m., line dancing; 10:30 a.m., Reiki with Carlene; 12:15 p.m., bridge; 12:30 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 1 p.m., pitch, open art; 1:30 p.m., writing group; 2 p.m., Melody Band practice; 4 p.m., yoga with Loretta; 6:30 p.m., pitch.

Friday, March 30: 9:15 a.m., Let’s Paint; 10 a.m., absolute beginner line dance; noon, canasta; 1 p.m., pitch, cribbage; 4 p.m., card games.

Main St., Agawam, at 10 a.m. Ages 1-12 welcome; parents must accompany children 6 and under. For more information, visit bethany-ag.com or call 413-789-2930.

EASTER EGG HUNT at Heritage Woods Senior Living, 462 Main St., Agawam, from 10 to 11 a.m. Children under 12 welcome. For more information, contact Nicole Wallace at 413-789-8332 or Nicole.wallace@gene-sishcc.com.

Friday, April 6

AGAWAM CULTURAL COUNCIL’S APPLAUSE SERIES continues with a concert by Sean Gaskell, who will present “Music and History of the West African Kora” at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St., Agawam, at 7 p.m. Free and open to the public.

Sunday, April 8

THE WEST SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB will meet at 7 p.m. at Mittineague Congregational Church, 1840 Westfield St., West Springfield. A special coin topic will be presented and discussed. Refreshments available. Guests welcome. For more information, call Peter Setian at 413-596-9871.

Monday, April 9

A ROAST TURKEY DINNER at St. David’s Episcopal Church, 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills will include also salad, rolls, mashed potatoes, vegetable, dessert, coffee, and tea or lemonade. \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12 and free for children under 5. For reservations, call 413-786-6133.

Wednesday, April 11

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St.,

Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper at a cost of \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

Monday, April 23

“HOW SWEET IS TOO SWEET? UNDERSTANDING YOUR DIABETES,” from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St. will be presented by Dr. Anusah Sekhar, PharmD from the Southwick Pharmacy, Monday, April 23. To reserve a seat, call 413-821-0605.

ONGOING

AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 459 Mill St., Agawam, offers a free “Crochet Club” the first and third Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. All are invited to join, including men and women and beginners to experienced crocheters. Drop-ins welcome. Hooks and yarn available if needed. For more information, call 413-786-7991.

THE AGAWAM ST. PATRICK COMMITTEE meets the second Wednesday of each month, September through June, at 6:30 p.m. in the Peirce Conference Room at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. For information on how to join, call Vera Conway at 413-786-3247 or email Rosemary Sandlin at rosemarysandlin@gmail.com.

ADULT DROP-IN SIT & KNIT meets at the Agawam Public Library at 750 Cooper St. Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m. Bring your sticks and join other knitters for creative time. No registration is required.

GRANDPARENT’S PLAYGROUP Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., at St. David’s Church, 699 Springfield St.,

Feeding Hills. This free infant and toddler playgroup features music and movement, fostering children’s interactions and sharing skills. Open to all grandparents and their grandchildren. Follows school schedule.

MOM 2 MOM takes place the second Tuesday of every month October through June, 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St. A round-table discussion hosted by a local “veteran” mom, this is a great way to have further conversation on recent café themes and parent education events, celebrate parenting and receive encouragement for the trials.

THE WESTFIELD WOMAN’S CLUB’s clubhouse is available for rentals for wedding receptions, bridal showers, baby showers, graduation celebrations, and birthday and anniversary parties by the hour or the day. For more information, call Lilian at 413-568-2916.

A BREAST CANCER AND MASTECTOMY SUPPORT GROUP meets the fourth Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at 2 South Bridge Drive, Suite 1B, Agawam. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at www.survivorjourneys.org.

AN ALL CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets the first Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish Center, 1061 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at www.survivorjourneys.org.

A BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP meets the second Wednesday of each month at Heritage Woods Assisted Facility, 462 Main St., Agawam. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at www.survivorjourneys.org.

WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP for anyone who has lost a spouse. Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main St., Agawam, the second Wednesday of the month, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP for anyone who has lost a child, parent, sibling, or dear relative or friend. Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main St., Agawam, the second Wednesday of the month, 7 to 9 p.m.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS for those who have lost a child, parent, sibling, or dear relative or friend. Wednesday, Dec. 20, 3:15 to 4:15 p.m., West Springfield Senior Center, 128 Park St., West Springfield

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energy installations, which has led developers, town officials and neighbors of proposed solar farms to adopt competing interpretations of where large-scale arrays might be allowed.

Two 2017 attempts by city councilors at passing a solar zoning ordinance fell one vote short — both times after councilors amended the proposal to ban large-scale arrays from agricultural zones.

Doreen Prouty, chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, said she agreed with allowing solar farms in agricultural zones by special permit, but criticized the ordinance for making the City Council the permit-granting authority, rather than the ZBA. She said ZBA members study hundreds of pages of local and state zoning regulations to make the most informed and impartial decisions on zoning issues.

“A decision is based on facts,” she said. “Who will realistically be in a position to be more politically influenced? The City Council answers to the voters.”

Proponents of the ordinance, however, said the immediate connection with residents is exactly why the City Council should be the permitting authority. Robert Rossi said he had previously opposed a special permit system because he felt its implementation would be arbitrary. Knowing that



City Councilor George Bitzas, standing, measures 15 feet from the end of the councilors’ table on March 19 while making the case for tighter restrictions on the height of ground-mounted solar panels. PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

councilors would control the process made the difference, he said.

Leslie Joseph, a newly appointed member of the town’s Energy Commission, said placing the special permit authority in political hands means Agawam will be able to adapt more quickly to the constant change in solar panel technology.

For large-scale ground-mounted arrays, the ordinance provides for a 75-foot setback from all property lines, a 15-foot height limit, and vegetative screening at least 6 feet high at the time it is installed, and growing to a height sufficient that the solar installation would not be visible from any public road at a height of 8 feet.

Joseph said the 15-foot height limit might be appropriate for standard solar arrays, but would not be sufficient for new “dual-use” arrays that allow the

land underneath the array to be farmed, and require enough vertical clearance below the solar panels for harvesting equipment to pass.

City Councilor George Bitzas had the opposite reaction to the height restriction. Showing photographs of the existing solar farm on Shoemaker Lane, he said those panels, which stand 10 feet high, are enough of a visual intrusion on the adjacent homes on Cesan Street.

Bitzas offered an amendment to change the height limit to 10 feet, but withdrew the amendment after other councilors assured him that homeowners would be protected by other requirements for the special permit — that it is “in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the zoning ordinances of the town of Agawam”; that it is

“in an appropriate location and not significantly detrimental to the neighborhood and does not significantly alter the character of the neighborhood”; that “adequate and appropriate facilities will be provided for the proper operation of the proposed use”; and “that the proposed use would not be detrimental or offensive to the adjoining zoning districts and neighboring properties due to the effects of lighting, odors, smoke, noise, sewage, refuse materials and/or other visual nuisances.”

Johnson said he had consulted with Mayor William Sapelli and Town Solicitor Steve Buoniconiti about the height requirement, which was 20 feet in Johnson’s original proposal. They agreed that anything lower than 15 feet would open the town to a lawsuit alleging it was placing unreasonable

restrictions on solar farms.

Prouty also objected to the ordinance exempting town-owned properties from zoning restrictions on solar farms.

“You are asking everybody else to abide by the dimensional requirements, but not for the town, the town can do what it wants,” Prouty said. “Why would the town have this privilege when the private citizen does not?”

Councilors did not address this criticism in their comments at the meeting.

The council vote is the first of two necessary to pass an ordinance. Councilors are expected to take their second and final vote at the next meeting, April 2. Johnson said after the meeting that because councilors proposed and discussed amendments at the March 19 meeting, he does not foresee any additional changes at the second reading.

Responding to Councilor Gina Letellier’s worry that this proposal is being rushed, without taking time to consult scientific experts and fully understand the wide range of solar energy installations available, Johnson said it is important for the town to “pass something” to address expected solar farm developments in the near future. He said that as new forms of solar farms emerge, the City Council can pass additional votes to amend this one.

“As it changes, we’ll have to evolve the ordinance,” Johnson said.



Agawam High School students gather outside the school's cafeteria on March 14 to watch as 17 white balloons are launched, one for each for the 17 victims of the school shooting on Feb. 14 at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla. PHOTO BY MIKE LYDICK



Amaya Donald listens to student speakers at an assembly in the AHS cafeteria. The "Agawam Stands with Parkland" poster behind was signed by several students. PHOTO BY MIKE LYDICK

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the cafeteria to remember the victims and to listen to student speakers. A bright yellow poster with the words, "Agawam Stands with Parkland" was taped to the wall for students to sign before they went outside for the release of 17 white balloons.

Sadie Parrotta, president of the Class of 2018 and a member of the Empowerment Club that organized the assembly, called the event "a beautiful showcasing of empathy." She told students their participation showed they "are critical thinkers, inclined to take a stand against injustice in our world."

Parrotta was flanked by students holding large posters — "Education without Fear," "Kids First," and "Less Talk, More Action." Other posters, taped to walls, had positive messages: "Love," "Be Kind Online," and "Be a Friend."

"Every year, we mourn hundreds of lives senselessly lost to gun violence," said Parrotta. "Our tears never fully dry, because, as one shooting exits the news cycle, a new horror emerges as the latest in what is now starting to become an American tradition."

She said students have the capability to redirect history.

"The world is waiting for us. History changes today, and every day after today," Parrotta said. She added that students in Parkland began a change that will "band students together" to give them strength to make changes.

Junior Lee Sunghee said there have been too many school shootings across the country during the last 20 years for students to ever feel comfortable.

"Being scared at school should not be our norm. Gun violence, especially, should not be our norm," she said. "Let us not forget all these tragedies. We have to work hard so change can be made. We either have to band together as one for education without fear or stay put and wait for another tragedy to happen."

Following her speech, Sunghee said students hope their actions send President Trump a message that students across America want real action toward change. "We're willing to walk out to make our call to action heard," she said. "We want our right to have safer schools protected at the federal level."

Sophomore Bradley For-



At the AHS assembly, Sadie Parrotta reads the names of the Parkland victims. PHOTO BY MIKE LYDICK

gette felt the observance wasn't enough "to bring light" to the tragic situation. He was disappointed by the number of students who stood outside to watch the balloon launch, but proud "to show our government that we don't feel safe in our schools and that there needs to be gun reform" to stop mass shootings. He said it's "crucial" public school students unite to voice their concerns. "Our lives are in danger by just going to school," he said.

English teacher and club advisor Erica Schlaffer said the Empowerment Club works to raise awareness and make progress against racism, sexism, homophobia, sexual assault, and other forms of violence. Club members organized the assembly to stand in solidarity with the Parkland victims.

Schlaffer said students also wanted to express their "deep concern" about gun violence in schools.

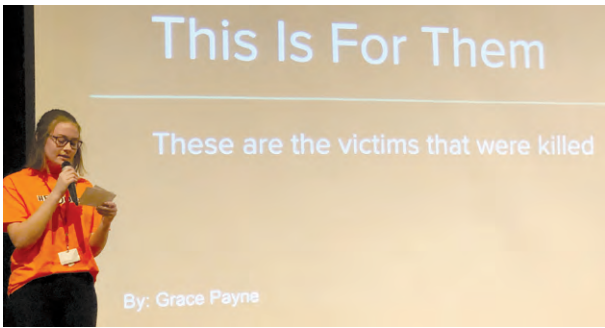
"These kids want change and accountability so they can go to school knowing they are safe," she said. "They're willing to express those ideas to ensure adults are listening."

'Step up' at AJHS

At a "walk-in" in the Agawam Junior High School auditorium, 275 students met for a "Stepping Up for School Safety" observance. They reflected on the Florida school shooting by bringing a list of 17 things they pledge to do to make their school and community safer. Students who didn't participate remained in classes with teachers.

Eighth grader Grace Payne, who helped organize the event, delivered her speech as photos of each victim, with a short personal statement about each one, appeared on a screen. She said many victims in Parkland weren't much older than AJHS students.

"One month ago this morning, they were alive. By 4 p.m., they were dead," Payne said. "Since then we have fallen, because we failed them. But we are rising, rising to make our school a safer place. Fear has no place in



Eighth grader Grace Payne helped organize an assembly at Agawam Junior High School, "Stepping Up for School Safety." While she delivered her speech, photos of the 17 victims of the school shooting in Parkland, Fla., appeared on a screen along with a short personal statement about each one. SUBMITTED PHOTO

our school. It shouldn't linger in the words of our textbooks and it shouldn't be in the window shades."

AJHS students were also asked to wear orange — a color used to promote school safety and end school violence. Several large posters with messages about stopping school violence lined the stage. The posters

were created by seventh grader Ava Levesque during the school's February vacation break the week after the shooting.

School Superintendent Steve Lemanski called the assemblies "a great success," adding, "Students made positive speeches to help bring to light the importance of making schools safe."

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Warm Brownies

As Agawam suffered through snow and near-freezing temperatures on March 7, about 50 familiar faces gathered in the Florida sunshine. Hank Drewnowski reports that the weather was “nice, sunny, breezy, warm and 77 degrees” for the Agawam Day party at Fort DeSoto Park in St. Petersburg, Fla. The annual reunion is a chance for former Agawam residents who have retired to the Sunshine State to meet up with their former neighbors and classmates, and share memories and news about the old hometown.



Judy White, left, stands with Bill and Judy Fearn.



Above, Jim Frantz and Hank Drewnowski organized a 50-50 raffle. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

At left, cousins Gerry O'Keefe, Susan Letendre and Jim O'Keefe enjoy Agawam Day with the Gulf of Mexico and palm trees behind them.



Several members of the Agawam High School class of 1968, soon to celebrate their 50th reunion, attended Agawam Day, including, from left, Donna Fadgen, Bill Pelley, Donna Safford, Janis Phaneuf, John Delucchi and Debbie Dragon.



Claire and Bob Cecchi, left, sit across from Marlene Censki and George Collins for lunch in the shade.



Jim Bruno and Richie Morassi share a moment in the shade at Fort DeSoto Park.



Tahnia and Joe Mendes soak up sun on the patio during Agawam Day at St. Petersburg, Fla., on March 7.

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SOCCKER

LAF chooses Brownies for Div. 1 all-star teams

By Tim Peterson
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LUDLOW — The 29th annual Lusitano Alumni & Fans (LAF) All-Star High School Soccer Player Awards Night was held at the Gremio-Lusitano Club in Ludlow last month.

A moment of silence was held before the start of the evening festivities in honor of Nundy Batista, who died on Dec. 31, 2017. Batista was the founder of Lusitano Alumni & Fans in 1986, was the LAF president from 1986 to 2014. Nundy's wife, Lil, is the LAF treasurer.

The current LAF president is Joseph Jorge Jr. The vice president is Jeri Humphries and the corresponding secretary is Steven DaSilva.

The members of the Board of Directors are Shaun Andra, Jack Carneiro, Charles Dolan, Carol Gebo, Joseph Jorge Jr., Greg Kolodziey, Teri Myette, Richard Oliveira,



Alyssa Montagna receivers her first team award from Jeri Humphries. PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY / WWW.SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM



Eyan Corridan was a first-team choice for boys soccer in Division 1. He received his award from Stephen Scott.



Freshman Hope Santaniello won a first-team award for the first time.

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ST. PATRICK'S ROAD RACE



Benjamin Parzich approaches the finish line of the Holyoke St. Patrick's Road Race on March 17. He was the top finisher from Agawam at 34:24. PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

All ages running race together

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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HOLYOKE — Whether you are Brett Bohl from Ludlow and are running for the first time, or Monson resident John Cote running for the 11th, people all ages and skill levels went through the starting line at the St. Patrick's Road Race last Saturday.

Bohl, a college baseball player from Ludlow, and his friend Aidan Farrell came to run the race for the first time, saying this is the first time he has ever even attended the event.

"Usually I would be down playing in Florida with my team," said Bohl. "But we were off so we thought we would come check it out."

Bohl and Farrell do not do distance running, and said they were just hoping to finish the course.

"I heard it was really hilly," said Bohl.

The pair said they did not train and are simply relying on being in good shape for baseball. Both would finish the race at the 1:13 mark.

Many people were in the same shoes as Bohl and Farrell, but there are many others like Cote, who are veterans

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BASKETBALL

AHS athletes voted by coaches to receive Litz Scholarship



Pictured from left are Dave Federico, AHS boys varsity basketball coach; Jarrod Lemke, runner-up; Thomas Grenier, scholarship winner; Arden D'Amours, scholarship committee member; and Tim Lockwood, Brian Litz Memorial Scholarship Fund founder. SUBMITTED PHOTOS



From left: Harold Cote, AHS girls varsity basketball coach; Tim Lockwood, Brian Litz Memorial Scholarship Fund founder; Madison Lockwood, scholarship winner; Caitlyn Normoyle, runner-up; and Arden D'Amours, scholarship committee member.

This year marked the 11th anniversary of the Brian Litz Memorial Scholarship Fund. The Agawam High School boys and girls varsity basketball teams voted for the players that they feel best represent the characteristics that Brian Litz stood for — always giving 100 percent effort, being a great teammate, and having a positive attitude.

This year's winners are Thomas Grenier and Madison Lockwood. Jarrod Lemke and Caitlyn Normoyle were runners-up and received scholarships as well.

For more information on the Brian Litz Memorial Scholarship Fund, visit www.litzfund.com.

Sports

ST. PATRICK'S ROAD RACE

Volunteer efforts help make race possible

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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HOLYOKE — As the minutes wane before the start of the 43rd annual St. Patrick's Road Race in Holyoke, Jackie Reardon is in the familiar location on Maple Street herding runners to the start.

Reardon is one of a small village of volunteers and public safety officials that are needed to make the road race the success it has become for more than 40 years.

She started out in 2000, joining the committee to put on the race as a volunteer. And on race day, she is out in the thick of it, helping make sure all the runners get to where they need to be.

"It's my job to direct the runners to the start depending on what bib they have on," said Reardon. "And it can be hard to control the crowd."

As the race has evolved over the past 20 years, runners who are more competitive wear bibs with orange and green numbers. Those that do not figure to place as high wear bibs with blue, red or black numbers.

Reardon sends the orange and green bibs right to the start line, with the rest heading around the corner to be part of the second and third wave of runners.



Barbara LaFlamme and Jackie Reardon have helped make the St. Patrick's Road Race the success it is for several years. PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

"It can be tough because nobody wants to listen to you," she said. "But I enjoy being out here. I love seeing the

smiles on everyone's faces and love celebrating my heritage."

The past parade president, who resides in South Hadley, brought her friend Barbara LaFlamme to take part in some recent races. They both said volunteering to do crowd control at the race is challenging, but seeing all the familiar faces is worth it.

"It's always like a big reunion and homecoming every year," said La-Flamme.

Volunteers like Reardon and La-Flamme are seen wearing yellow jackets. Hundreds are necessary to reel in the crowd on Maple Street as the streets get cleared just an hour before the road race is scheduled to start.

Race Coordinator Brian Donoghue said the race would not be possible if not for volunteers like Reardon and LaFlamme. Their experience is invaluable in making sure the race starts and runs smoothly.

The efforts do not stop there, with numerous volunteers manning stations at the end of the race where water and bananas are available for the finisher.

The race can always use more volunteers throughout the course. For more information to volunteer for next year's event, go to www.holyokestpatrickroadrace.org.



Above, April Sabadosa of Westfield crosses the finish line 36:52. It was the second year in a row she was the top female in the race.



Above right, Sarah Ross, a 14-year-old from Agawam, crosses the finish line at 42:26.

At right, the first wave of runners is off.

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of the 6.2-mile course that is known for being "hilly."

"I love it, and I love running," said Cote. "I run all winter long and this race wraps up my winter running. From there, it is time for the spring."

Cote said he has run different races at different times, but he never misses the Holyoke race.

"It's my race," he said. "I used to be more competitive about it, but now I just do it for fun."

Cote finished in just under an hour, coming in at 56:39.

There was also plenty of youth performing at this year's race, including a large contingent from Palmer, with friends Nathan and Anthony Ukraianeto, Brady, Stahleski, Chance Lee, and Jack Letendre running the race together.

Stahleski runs track for Palmer High School, saying he does the 400, and was looking to challenge himself with the road race. The rest joined him, enjoying the opportunity to get some exercise ahead of the spring sports season.



Agawam's Michael Paulin, left, and Kevin Paulin, right, finish the race at 38:53.

More than 7,000 runners and walkers took part in this year's road race, with John Busque of Manchester, Conn., coming in first place overall at 30:37. Not far behind was Zachary Hine, a past winner from South Hadley, now living in Littleton, Colo., at 30:38.

April Sabadosa of Westfield repeated as the women's top finisher.

However, she came in a bit below her past last year at 36:52. She was the top female last year with a time of 36:01.

The course was made more difficult this year by a lot of wind in the face of runners. The end of the race was neck-and-neck between Hine and Busque, with Busque getting a small burst at the very end.

ADULT BASEBALL

Valley Wheel league seeking new recruits

The Valley Wheel Over-30 Baseball League is seeking new players for the upcoming 2018 season, which is set to begin near the end of April. As of this week, there are 18 open roster spots in the six-team league.

The league plays 15 regular season games, with games being held mostly on Sundays, with a couple of weekday games thrown in the mix. The league is built on camaraderie, fair play and having a good time with friends.

Anyone interested in trying out should visit valley-wheelbaseball.com. The rules of the league and new player forms can be found on that site. For further information, contact the league's commissioner, Jim Nason, at wheel12@comcast.net or 413-433-4308. Tryouts will be in the early weeks of April, weather permitting.

ADULT BASEBALL

Quabbin Valley needs players for new team

The Quabbin Valley Over-30 Baseball League is seeking new players for 2018 season.

The league recently added a seventh team and is now wants to find players to fill an eighth expansion team to even out the schedule in the Sunday, 10 a.m. league. The league is open to anyone ages 30 and older. Players who are 29 and turning 30 during the 2018 calendar year are also eligible.

The season is 15 regular season games, plus at least one playoff game. Games are nine innings and metal (BBCOR-3) or wood bats are allowed. Field locations are throughout Western Massachusetts.

For more information on the league, or to register, visit qvotb.com. The league is also on Facebook.

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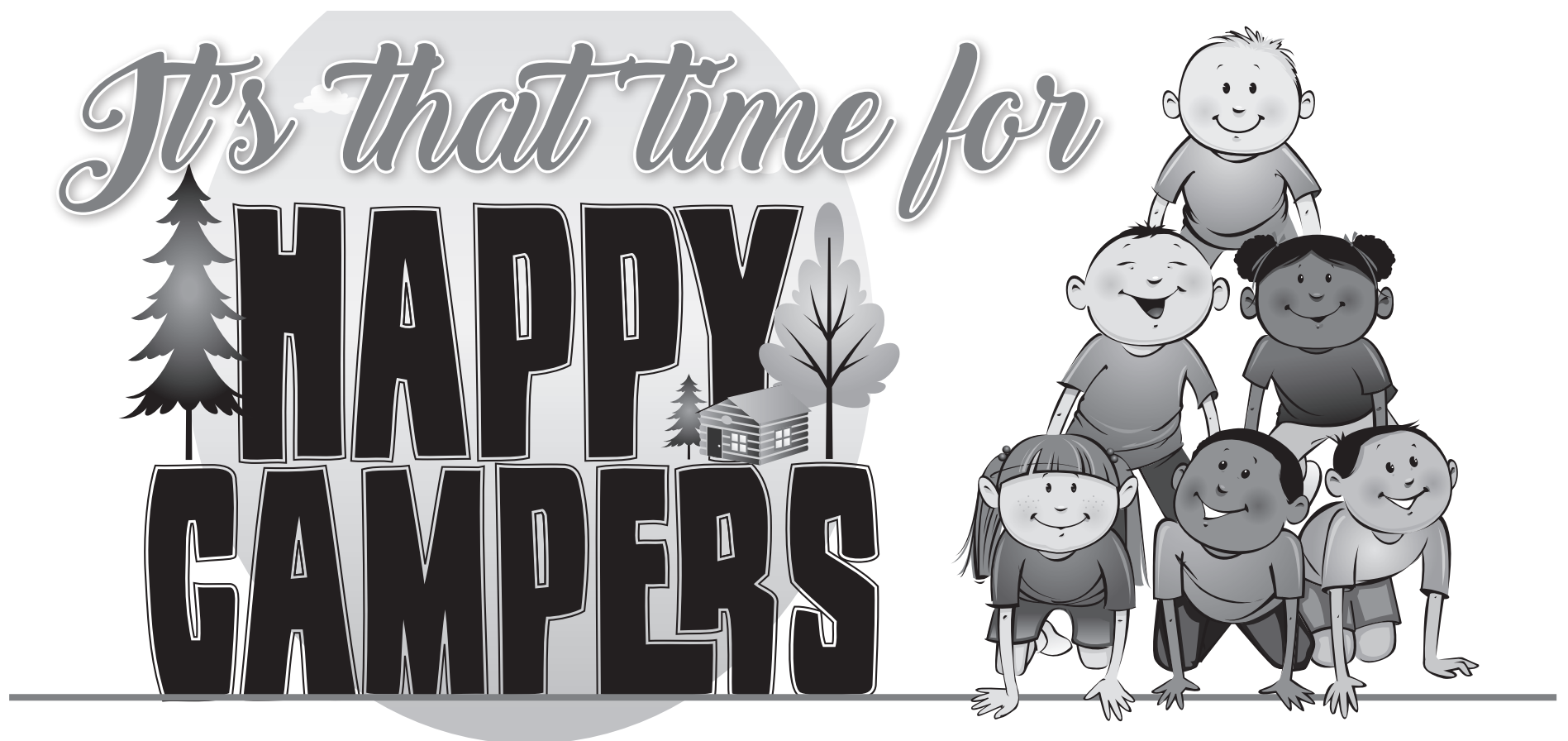
Charlie Santos, Steve Scott, Brandon Smith, Angelo Teixeira, and Luis Vitorino.

The guest speaker was Laura Wray-Ramos, who has been coaching the girls varsity soccer team at Agawam High School for the past 19 years. During that time, the Brownies have won two Western Mass. Division 1 championships and were also a state finalist. From 1996 to 1998, Wray-Ramos was an assistant varsity soccer coach at Cathedral High School, which is her alma mater. She was a captain of the 1991 Cathedral girls varsity soccer team and she was a captain of the Springfield College women's soccer team in 1995.

In addition to naming boys and girls MVPs from each division, and handing out six LAF Scholarship Awards, the club also named First Team All-Stars for Division 1 programs. Agawam was represented on the girls team by Alyssa Montagna and Hope Santaniello. The Brownies' Eyan Corridan and Sangmyoung Han were named to the boys team.

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Summer camps in North America were first established in the 1880s and were attended by children without their parents for overnight stays. By the 20th century, summer camps had become an international phenomenon, and various organizations hosted traditional summer

camps or camps geared toward religion, sports, music and other subjects and activities. According to the American Camp Association, each year more than 14 million children and adults in the United States attend camp. America is home to more than 14,000 day and resident camps (8,400 are overnight camps and 5,600 are day camps). Nonprofit groups are the largest sponsors of summer camps.

Many people put off summer camp planning until it is too late. Parents

should keep in mind that camps begin registration early in the year and have specific cut-off dates for enrollment. Parents who want to beat the crowds this year can use this guide to help plan a summer camp agenda.

- Attend an orientation seminar. Take the time to visit prospective camps for a tour, and use this open house as an opportunity to learn more about the programs offered. If available, find a camp employee to discuss your child's eligibility

ity for enrollment. Some camps may offer webinars for convenience.

- Fill out the enrollment package completely. Each camp has their own requirements for registration. Expect to submit some personal information, including a medical background and proof of insurance, names and numbers of emergency contacts, and any other pertinent information as it applies to the

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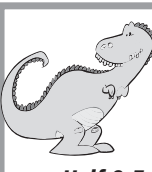
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- Prepare children for the physical challenges a camp may present. Summer camp activities may be rig-

orous, and campers may need to be cleared by a physician before starting. Be sure to schedule your child a physical and bring along any pertinent forms. Children also can increase their levels of physical activity compared to the often sedentary nature of winter. Such preparation can prevent injuries when engaging in outdoor and physical activities.

- Shop for supplies. Camps are likely to provide a list of requirements with regard to clothing and other equipment campers will need. Make sure kids have enough shorts, T-shirts, socks, athletic shoes, swimsuits, toiletries, and other camp necessities before they leave.
- Keep children in the loop. Engage children in the planning process to help alleviate their fears and get them excited about summer camp.

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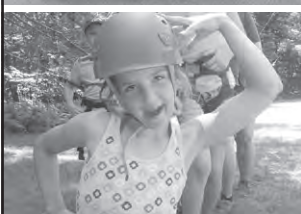
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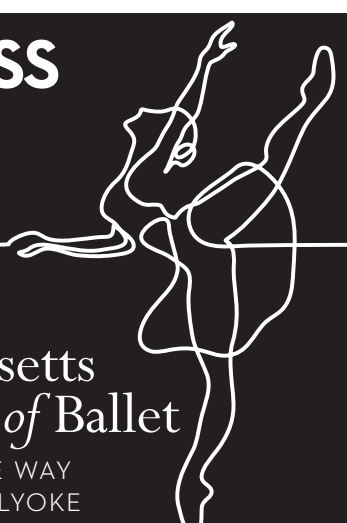
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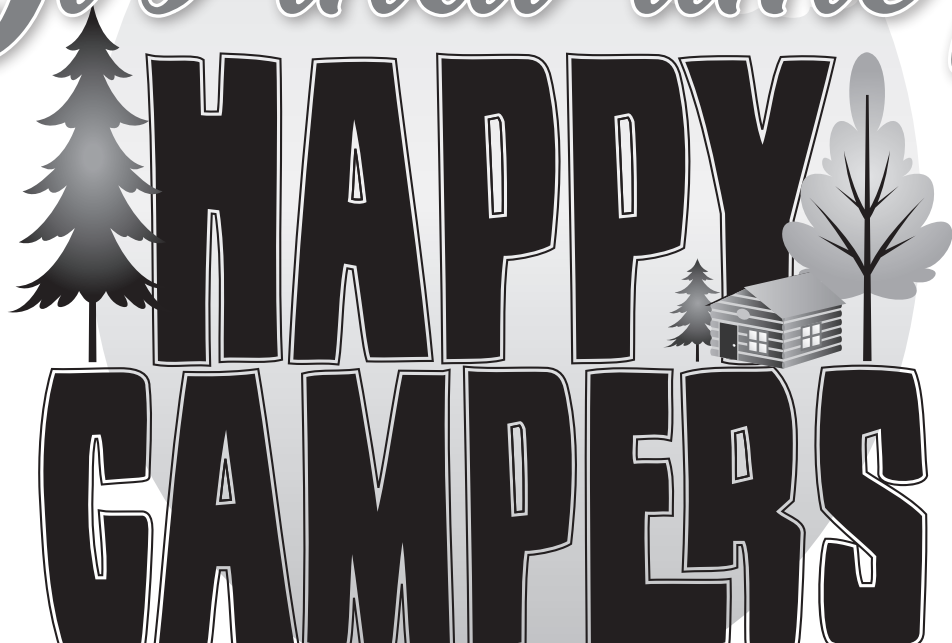


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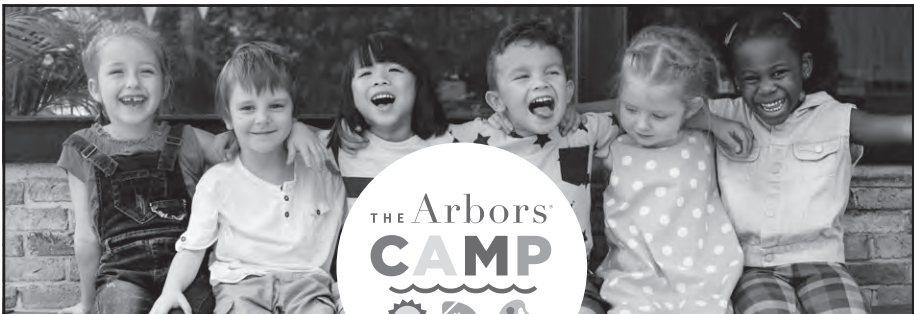
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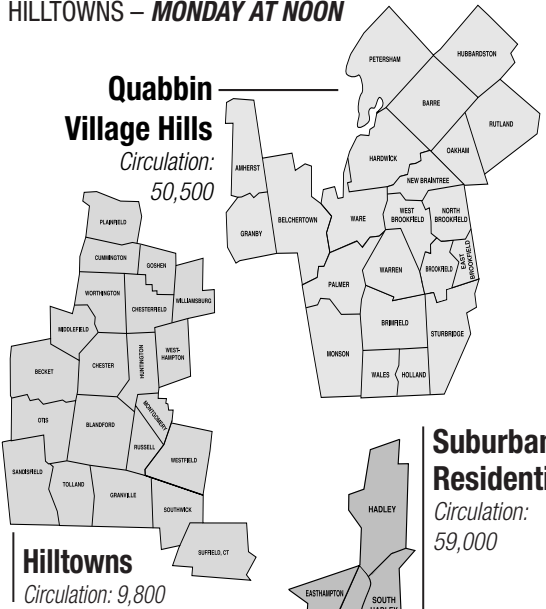
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Legal Ad
Agawam Historical Commission
The Agawam Historical Commission will be holding a public hearing at **7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 10, 2018** at the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to review the Demolition Permit for 397 North Westfield Street which comes under the Town of Agawam's Demolition Delay Ordinance.
By Order of
David Cecchi, Chairman
Agawam Historical Commission
3/22, 3/29/18

AGAWAM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT
Notice is hereby given

that the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at the Agawam Public Library Community Room, 750 Cooper St., Agawam, MA on **Monday, April 9, 2018 at 7PM** for all parties interested in the appeal of the City of Springfield which is seeking a Special Permit under Chapter 180-55, Paragraph B(12) of the Town of Agawam's Zoning Ordinances, to allow for an elevation increase of the Cell 2 area of Bondi's Island Landfill at the premises identified as M Street Extension.
Doreen A. Prouty
Chairperson
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3/22, 3/29/18

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Docket No. HD18P0479EA
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The Petitioner requests

that: **Nancy J Tarka** of Chicopee MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.
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You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/11/2018.**
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WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.

Date: March 14,2018
Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
3/22/18

Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.



Agawam High School cheerleaders pause for a photo during the Holyoke St. Patrick's Parade on Sunday. PHOTO BY LYNN BOSCHER



Maria Summers, the Citizenship Award winner from town, walked the route with her crew around her. PHOTO BY LYNN BOSCHER



Above, William Sapelli enjoyed his first parade as Agawam mayor, marching with School Committee members Wendy Rua, center, and Shelley Borgatti-Reed. PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY



The Agawam High School band, the Marching Mohawks, was one of the larger musical groups in the parade. PHOTO BY LYNN BOSCHER



At right, Agawam firefighters mug it up for the camera. PHOTO BY LYNN BOSCHER



Agawam Colleen Abbie Hoban and court members Aber Fillion and Erin Consedine show off the town float's first prize award. PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY



Irish steps

Above left, Diane Pirnie rode in style as the Anne Sullivan Award winner. PHOTO BY LYNN BOSCHER



At left, Agawam resident Patricia Liquori, Ms. Senior Massachusetts 2017, waves to the crowd. PHOTO BY LYNN BOSCHER



The Agawam Council on Aging's senior van was all decked out to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. PHOTO BY LYNN BOSCHER



State Sen. Donald Humason Jr., who represents Agawam, Holyoke and several other towns, rode in the parade. PHOTO BY LYNN BOSCHER



Below, Agawam Parade Marshal Laurie Wright led the town's division in the parade from the back of a Ford Mustang. PHOTO BY LYNN BOSCHER



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Sunny salute



Hank Drewnowski leads the Pledge of Allegiance at the start of Agawam Day festivities in St. Petersburg, Fla., on March 7. More photos on page 12. SUBMITTED PHOTO

POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 299 calls for service from March 13 to March 19, recording four arrests in its public log.

Thursday, March 15
Charles Condon, 31, of Cleveland Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with possession of a Class A drug, and conspiracy to violate drug law.

Friday, March 16
James Samataro, 62, of Springfield Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with a marked lanes violation, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, driving an uninsured motor vehicle, driving an unregistered motor vehicle, driving with no inspection sticker, speeding, and driving after revocation of registration.

Sunday, March 18
John P. Mastrorio, 29, of South West Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with eight counts of possession of large capacity feeding device, assault with a dangerous weapon, possession of ammunition without a firearm identification card, and selling or possessing an assault weapon.

FIRE LOG

Fire logs for March 13 to March 19 were not received in time for the Agawam Advertiser News' deadline.

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